

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

ANIMAL HEALTH BRANCH

PROPOSED REGULATIONS

BOVINE BRUCELLOSIS; MOVEMENT OF SWINE; QUARANTINE

The Department of Food and Agriculture, Animal Health Branch, is proposing changes to Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations. to read as follows:

1) Amend section 752 of Article 1.5 of Chapter 2, Division 2, of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

Article 1.5. Bovine Brucellosis

Section 752. Vaccine, Vaccination, and Test Reagents.

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(c) CalfhooD Vaccination (official brucellosis calfhooD vaccinate). All female dairy calves shall be vaccinated against brucellosis with an approved *Brucella* vaccine between the ages of four (4) through ~~eight (8)~~ 12 months (120 through ~~240~~ 365 days). Female beef calves, if vaccinated against brucellosis, shall be vaccinated between the ages of four (4) through 12 months (120 through 365 days). All calves vaccinated pursuant to this Section shall be identified in compliance with Sections 752.1 and 752.2. The use of all vaccines for brucellosis calfhooD vaccination and eartags used for identification shall be reported to the Animal Health Branch within 14 days. A report of heifer calves vaccinated for brucellosis shall contain the following information:

- (1) County of vaccination; herd number, if available; Animal Health District.
- (2) Name of the herd owner.
- (3) Address or P.O. Box number, city, state, location of calves.
- (4) Date of vaccination; optionally, the date of next vaccination (month and year).
- (5) Number and type of calves vaccinated (dairy, beef, total).
- (6) Eartag numbers applied.
- (7) Vaccine information: manufacturer, serial number, expiration date.
- (8) A statement to be signed by the contract veterinarian, identified by license number, vaccinating the calves certifying that: the calves were vaccinated with an

approved brucellosis vaccine; the calves were in the prescribed age range when vaccinated; each calf was tattooed in the right ear with the official tattoo showing the correct quarter of the year or type of vaccine and year; each calf was tagged with an official calf vaccination eartag in the right ear, unless the vaccinating veterinarian received a request in writing by the owner, or owner's agent, not to apply the eartag.

(9) Acknowledgment signed by the owner or agent that the described calves were vaccinated and that all calves were within California's prescribed vaccination age limits.

(10) Optional request that may be signed by the owner or owner's agent not to apply the official vaccination eartags to the calves because they can be identified as vaccinates within the herd.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407, 10324, 10326 and 10327, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 10301-10311, 10321-10323, 10325, 10341, 10342, 10351-10359, 10493, 10511 and 10512, Food and Agricultural Code; Title 9, Sections 71.1 and 78.1, Code of Federal Regulations, January 1, 1997 Edition.

2) Amend section 796.6 of Article 8.5 of Chapter 2, Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

Article 8.5. Interstate and Intrastate Movement of Swine

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Section 796.6. Movement of Swine into California for Immediate Slaughter.

(a) Swine imported from any state not destined for immediate slaughter that are imported with swine from any state for immediate slaughter, must be slaughtered at a state or federally inspected slaughter facility within 14 days of importation into California.

(b) Swine imported for immediate slaughter at a state or federally inspected slaughter plant must:

(1) Have an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit when the State Veterinarian determines the threat of a disease being introduced into California exists with the movement of swine. Any person importing swine for immediate slaughter shall contact the Department's Animal Health Branch prior to shipment to ensure this requirement is met.

(2) Official identification;

(3) Be unloaded at the slaughter facility within 24 hours after entering California without diversion; and

(4) Be slaughtered within 14 days of importation. Upon request, the State Veterinarian may grant exemptions to the 14-day limit on a case-by-case basis.

(c) Movement of live swine from the slaughter facility is prohibited unless the State Veterinarian authorizes the specific movement after the receipt of a written request for such movement. Written requests for exemption must include all of the following:

- (1) Information regarding the health history of the swine;
- (2) Name and address of the person removing the animal;
- (3) Location or address of the facility at which the swine will be maintained; and
- (4) Special economic hardship, if any, related to permitting the swine to be removed from the facility.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 10781, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 9561, 9562, 9570, 9574, 10721, 10722, 10723, 10724, 10725, 10726, 10751, 10752, 10753, 10781, 10782, 10783, 10784, 10785 and 10786, Food and Agricultural Code.

3) Amend section 1301 of Article 3 of Chapter 7, Division 2, Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

Article 3. Quarantine

Section 1301. Definitions.

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(z) "May Carry", as referenced in Food and Agricultural Code section 9562, subdivision (a), means, in the exercise of the State Veterinarian's professional judgment, "susceptible to" or a belief that a population of animals or animal product has a condition pending epidemiological investigation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407, 9562 and 9570, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 9502 and 9503, Food and Agricultural Code.

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